

and Raleigh, and some from Baltimore and sometimes from New York.

Q. Did you ever go as far as Goldsboro to buy any? A. When John R. Smith was in we did.

Q. Did not John R. Smith make most of his purchases and sell most of his cotton through Wells Eros., and Barbee & Co.? A. I don't think he bought much through Barbee and Weil. He had a nephew there though, Griffith. He bought lots of stuff through him.

Q. Did Griffith have any connection with the Penitentiary? A. I think not. John R. Smith bought and sold lots of stuff for the Penitentiary through certain men. He brought lots of horses to the Penitentiary from Griffith & Yelverton. He bought all our horses from them, nearly.

Q. You had no control over the purchase of the stuff? A. None in the world.

Q. Did you have any voice in the matter under Leazer? A. Yes, I had a little. Leazer told me to buy whatever I did buy, but as a general thing we made requisition to the purchasing agent. But sometimes we would get out and would have to buy, and I bought some things for the Penitentiary. In fact, Leazer sent me to Norfolk and Richmond one time to buy some mules.

Q. Did you ever know John R. Smith to send any of his supervisors to buy anything? A. Never did, sir.

Q. Did John R. Smith buy any stock? A. Yes.

Q. What kind? A. Very poor stock.

Q. Did you ever ask the price? A. Yes, but nobody seemed to know.

Q. You don't think anyone else knew the price paid for them. A. No, sir.

Q. Who were they bought from? A. Some were bought in Richmond through Geo. B. Bennett, of Goldsboro. That is what Smith told me. Bennett telegraphed me that a certain number of mules would be here on a certain day, and I sent and got them.

Q. Did you know anything about the price of horses at that time? A. Yes.

Q. What, in your opinion, was the stock worth? A. About \$60 a piece for the mules and horses, delivered here.

Q. It was pretty hard to find out what anything cost, was it? A. Yes, it was.

(Witness exhibits books as far back as 1891, showing in detail copies of invoices of goods purchased up to the present date. Memoranda of prices are made.)

Q. Did you sell much corn or other products of the farm during the time you were there? A. A little of it, sir.